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April 30, 2024

Ms. Elissa Konove  
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Federal Highway Administration, California Division  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Konove:

As required under 23 CFR 668.111(c), we request your consideration to approve Disaster CA24-2 December 2023 Winter Storms in Humboldt, Imperial, Monterey, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Ventura counties as eligible under the Emergency Relief Program.

The Governor's Proclamations, including one supplemental Proclamation, executed January 23, 2024, and February 2, 2024, are included as part of the Disaster Survey Summary Report (DSSR), attached for your review.

The DSSR contains the latest list of identified damaged sites and their corresponding currently estimated repair costs. The preliminary damage estimate is in the range of \$73.49 million for State damages and \$13.16 million for Emergency Relief-eligible Local damages, subject to increase. The estimated federal share of repair costs on eligible roadways will be required to exceed the \$700,000 threshold per 23 CFR 668.105(j) as indicated in the attached Damage Survey Summary Report.

As provided for in the FHWA Emergency Relief Manual, updated May 31, 2013, under Chapter III, Section A, Detailed Damage Inspections, the Detailed Damage Inspection Reports / Damage Assessment Forms (DDIR/DAF) "are completed at a later date, usually after the Division Administrator has made a finding of ER eligibility." FHWA's Acknowledgement letter dated January 29, 2024, for this disaster included that "all DAFs must be completed by April 30, 2024". Given the

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anticipated timeframe of a corresponding Finding of Eligibility and the necessary work to complete damage assessment, it is anticipated that additional time will be needed. Therefore, as part of this application the State of California formally requests the Damage Assessment Form due date be extended to June 30, 2024, in order to allow field staff to complete and submit DAFs to FHWA for approval.

Upon finding that the above Disaster is eligible, a Program of Projects will be developed and submitted to FHWA within 3 months of the Finding of Eligibility letter, as outlined in 23 CFR 668.13(a).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (279) 234-2578, or by email sent to <fardad.falakfarsa@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,



FARDAD FALAKFARSA  
Chief  
Office of Federal Resources

Attachment

- Governor Newsom's State of Emergency Proclamations signed January 23, 2024, and February 2, 2024

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bc: Matthew Schmitz, Director, Project Delivery, Federal Highway Administration  
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